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From: Lori Andresen <andres01@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Melgin, Wendy
Cc: Burdick, Melanie; Westlake, Kenneth; 'Cameron, Tamara E MVP'
Subject: RE: PolyMet and ARNI

Thank you for responding so quickly.

My understanding is that there was a recent letter/ correspondence from the EPA regarding ARNI and PolyMet, that was sent to the cooperating agencies (specifically to the USACE).

Could you please send me that letter/correspondence?

Thanks again,

Lori Andresen

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Subject: FW: PolyMet and ARNI

Ms. Andresen: The EPA letter of February 18, 2010 (attached) responds to the Draft EIS. In that letter, we did state that the project may affect aquatic resources of national importance (ARNI). However, a formal ARNI determination would be in response to a permit application, which has not yet been submitted by Polymet. Therefore, the February 18 letter does not constitute an EPA determination.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2013 8:57 AM
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Subject: FW: PolyMet and ARNI

Wendy,
This is more appropriately responded to by your program.
Ken

From: Lori Andresen [<mailto:andres01@charter.net>]

Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 6:26 PM

To: Westlake, Kenneth

Subject: RE: PolyMet and ARNI

Hello Mr. Westlake,

Could you please send me the EPA's correspondence regarding Aquatic Resources of National Importance (ARNI) waters associated with PolyMet's NorthMet Mine project?

My understanding from Tamara Cameron (USACE) is that there was an ARNI determination made by the EPA and a letter referencing that was sent to the cooperating agencies.

Thank you,

Lori Andresen
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